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EuroQoL-5 Dimension Questionnaire (EQ-5D)

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Classification:	Group. EQ-5D™ is a trade mark of the EuroQol Group. Supplemental for MS, ALS, Headache, PD, NMD and TBI
	Exploratory for HD
	Core for Stroke
Short Description of Instrument:	Construct measured: Quality of Life / Self-reported Patient Satisfaction
	Generic vs. disease specific: Generic
	Means of administration: Self-Administered
	Intended respondent: Patient
	# of items: 5
	# of subscales and names of sub-scales: N/A
	# of items per sub-scale: N/A The EQ-5D consists of two parts: the EQ-5D section and the EQ VAS section. These sections provide a composite picture of the respondent's health status. The EQ-5D consists of 5 questions (representing 5 dimensions of mobility, self-care, usual activities, pain/discomfort, and anxiety/depression) each with a single digit response option. The EQ VAS generates a self-rating of health-related quality of life.
	Studies have found moderate agreement between responses from patients and those from their proxies for some of the domains of the EQ-5D and the agreement between patient and proxy is the best when assessed at six months, rather than two to three weeks, after stroke. Reproducibility is better when patients completed the instrument instead of their proxies. The relationship between the EQ-5D and the Barthel Index and mapping the modified Rankin Scale to the EQ-5D have been explored. With the exception of mental health domain of the SF-36, EQ-5D and SF-36 measure similar domains with similar test-retest reliability.

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Comments/Special instructions:

Scoring: Each of the 5 EQ-5D descriptive dimensions has 3 levels: no problems, some problems, severe problems. The respondent indicates his/her health state by ticking in the box against the most appropriate statement in each of the 5 dimensions. This decision results in a 1-digit number expressing the level selected for that dimension. The digits for 5 dimensions can be combined in a 5-digit number describing the respondent's health state. It should be noted that the numerals 1-3 have no arithmetic properties and should not be used as a cardinal score. Missing values should be coded as '999'. Ambiguous values (e.g. the line crosses the VAS twice) should be treated as missing values.

Background: EQ-5D is a standardized measure of health status developed by the EuroQol Group in order to provide a simple, generic measure of health for clinical and economic appraisal. The EQ-5D descriptive system comprises the following 5 dimensions: mobility, self-care, usual activities, pain/discomfort and anxiety/depression. Applicable to a wide range of health conditions and treatments, it provides a simple descriptive profile and a single index value for health status that can be used in the clinical and economic evaluation of health care as well as in population health surveys.

Rationale/ Justification:

Strengths/ Weaknesses: The EQ-5D self-report questionnaire (EQ-5D) essentially consists of two pages comprising the EQ-5D descriptive system (page 2) and the EQ VAS (page 3). There is also an optional page of demographic questions. There is also an extended version of EQ-5D that incorporates the valuation task but this is only used for valuation studies and is not relevant for clinical users.

Psychometric Properties: Test-retest reliability: ICC =.81 (Canadian study population); Construct validity: Spearman correlation with other utility measures: SF-6D, r=.70; HUI-III, r=0.80; Correlates with EDSS: Spearman r= -.66 in a Canadian study population, Pearson r= -.54 in a German study population; 9HPT: r= - 0.56; timed 25-foot walk: r= -.63; ambulation index: r= -.68; Ceiling effects may be evident in patients with less marked disability.

Administration: EQ-5D is designed for self-completion by respondents and is ideally suited for use in postal surveys, in clinics, and in face-to-face interviews. It is cognitively undemanding, taking only a few minutes to complete. Instructions to respondents are included in the questionnaire. It is currently available in 102 languages.

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